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SUBJ: MIA: VIETNAMESE EMBASSY RECEIVES AMERICAN
COUPLE SEEKING NEWS ABOUT SON MIA

1. MR. AND MRS. GORDON HARDY OF IPSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
WERE RECEIVED DECEMBER 22 BY DO THANH, FIRST
SECRETARY OF VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN PARIS. MR. AND
MRS. HARDY WERE SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR MIA
SON CAPTAIN ARTHUR HARDY SHOT DOWN OVER LAOS IN 1972.
MRS. HARDY PROVIDED FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION.

2. CONVERSATION WAS IN ENGLISH WITHOUT INTERPRETOR.
DO THANH AT FIRST SAID VIETNAM COULD NOT BE OF
ASSISTANCE IF CAPTAIN HARDY WAS SHOT DOWN IN LAOS SINCE
PROBLEM MUST BE TAKEN UP WITH LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT.
HARDYS SAID THEY HAD INFORMATION THAT THEIR SON HAD
BEEN CAPTURED BY VIETNAMESE FORCES, BUT THEY DID NOT
KNOW IF HE HAD ENDED UP IN VIETNAMESE OR LAOTIAN
CUSTODY. ACCORDING TO MRS. HARDY, DO THANH RELENDED
AND SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT RVN SEEK INFORMATION
ABOUT THEIR SON FROM LAOTIANS. HE TOOK THEIR HOME
ADDRESS AND PROMISED TO SEND WHATEVER INFORMATION HE
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COULD FIND.

3. MRS. HARDY SAID RECEPTION WAS FRIENDLY. DO THANH
QUESTIONED THEM EXTENSIVELY ABOUT POSSIBLE VIETNAM
POLICIES OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION. MRS. HARDY ALSO
HAD IMPRESSION THAT DO THANH HAD NEGATIVE FEELINGS

TOWARD SELECT COMMITTEE.
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